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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hadley (3,969,256).

Hadley discloses a soap bar with a central plastic core (see abstract, examples and claims).

As this reference teaches all of the instantly required it is considered anticipatory.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Allen (3,796,665).

Allen discloses a soap bar whose core member consists of a hollow plastic shape (see claims).

As this reference teaches all of the instantly required it is considered anticipatory.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stern (1,615,244).

Stern discloses a soap bar having a plastic insert (pg. 1, lines 60-78).

As this reference teaches all of the instantly required it is considered anticipatory.

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lindauer et al (4,438,010).

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Lindauer et al disclose a soap tablet comprising a plastic core (see claim 1).

As this reference teaches all of the instantly required it is considered anticipatory.

6. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Di Giovanna (4,308,157).

Di Giovanna discloses a soap saver bar having a plastic insert member (see entire reference).

As this reference teaches all of the instantly required it is considered anticipatory.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Necholus Ogden whose telephone number is 571-272-1322. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T and Th-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra N. Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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